THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI MUNI LALL) : (a) Estimates of Employment & unemployment are obtained from Labour Force Surveys conducted by National Sample Survey Organisation from time to time. As per the surveys conducted during 1993-94 and 1999-2000, estimated employment has gone up from 374.45 million in 1993-94 to 397.00 million in 1999-2000 as per Usual Principal and Subsidiary Status (UPSS) approach. Average annual growth rate of employment during 1994—2000 was of the order of 0.98%.

(b) and (c) The total work opportunities in the 9th Five Year Plan (1997— 2002) were projected to increase by about 50.00 million. However, no separate targets for public, private and self-employment were fixed.

Information about people having claimed VRS and gone for fresh employment is not maintained.

Unemployed graduates

4226. SHRIMATI KUM KUM RAI: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) number of unemployed graduates and technical hands in the country;

(b) number of unemployed persons who have become overage;

(c) whether Government have any scheme for the livelihood of these unemployed youth women; and

(d) if so, the details of such scheme?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT: (SHRI MUNI LALL): (a) Number of job seekers, all of whom are not necessarily unemployed, with graduate and above qualifications on the Live Register of Employment Exchanges as on 31-12-1998 (latest available) was of the order of 50 lakh. Out of these about 9 lakh, 1.8 lakh, 0.4 lakh, 0.05 lakh, 0.4 lakh were job seekers with graduate and above qualification in science, engineering, medicine, veterinary science, agriculture respectively.

(b) The number of job seekers aged 40 years and above, all of whom are not necessarily unemployed, on the live registers of employment exchanges as on 31st December, 1998 was of the order of 19 lakh.

(c) and (d) Government is implementing special programmes for eradication of poverty and generation of employment. The major poverty alleviation programmes, which provide employment in the rural areas, are Swama Jayanti Gram Swarozgar Yojana, Jawahar Gram Samriddhi Yojana and Employment Assurance Scheme. In the urban areas, Swama Jayanti Shahari Rozgar Yojana (SJSRY) is in operation since 1-12-97, which also seeks to provide gainful employment to the poor. Prime Minister's Rozgar Yojana is being implemented to provide employment opportunities to educated unemployed youth both men and women in rural and urban areas.

Employment to women

† 4227. SHRIMATI KUM KUM RAI : Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) the schemes being run to provide more employment to women; and

(b) the amount spent on said schemes during the last three years in Bihar alongwith the percentage thereof in comparison to other States?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI MUNI LALL): (a) and (b) Government is implementing special programmes for eradication of poverty and generation of employment. The major poverty alleviation programmes, which provide employment in the rural areas, are Swama Jayanti Gram Swarozgar Yojana, Jawahar Gram Samriddhi Yojana and Employment Assurance Scheme. In the urban areas, Swama Jayanti Shahari Rozgar Yojana (SJRSY) is in operation since 1-12-97, which also seeksto provide gainful employment to the poor. Prime Minister's Rozgar Yojana is being implemented to provide employment opportunities to educated unemployed youth in both rural and urban areas. These schemes are common to both men and women. There are schemes which exclusively benefit women. Women and Child Development Department of Government of India operates schemes of support to Training and Employment Programme for Women (STEP)and setting up of Employment cum Income Generation-cum Production Units (NORAD), financial assistance is provided for poor and needy women for setting up of Training Centres in urban slums and rural areas in traditional and non-traditional trades in order to provide employment on a sustainable basis.

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† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.